

# School Readiness Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
1:00pm – 3:00pm



# Agenda

- Welcome
- **Approval of 3/22/2023 meeting minutes**
- **Board Membership Update**
- **Proposed Changes to Application Process for SY 25**
- **School Readiness Grant Application Process**
- **SY 2024 Budget Recommendations**
- **Eligible Student Invoicing**
- **Previous Motion of BHQ Grant Cycle Limits**
- Other Business



# Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

**3/22/2023**



- Open Board and SR Team Discussion
- Motion
- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote



# Board Membership Update

DWS SR Board Staff – Emma Moench



# Proposed Changes to Application for SY 25

Emma Moench



# School Readiness Grant Application Process

DWS Contract Analyst– Kimber Burks

- DWS, OCC and USBE have worked together to create the application, rubric and minimum thresholds
- Pre-proposal meeting
- Live Q&A page
- Applicants were required to submit all documents by the deadline noted in the RFGA, pre-proposal meeting and the live Q&A
- DWS & USBE Evaluation Committee
  - Blind review



# Expanded Student Access Grant Application Process

All Applicants were required to meet an ECERS-3 overall average of a 3.67 with a 4 in interactions and a 4 in Language and Literacy

\*A total of 24 current ESA grantees and new ESA applicants made the threshold.

	Number of ECERS-3 Observation for Current Grantees	Number of Current Grantees Meeting ECERS Threshold	# of Current Grantees Meeting 2nd Phase Threshold (Minimum 54/90)	Number of ECERS-3 Observation for New ESA Applicants	Number of New ESA Applicants Meeting ECERS Threshold	Number of New Grantees Meeting 2nd Phase Threshold (Minimum 111/185)
Private Providers (PP)	10	10	10	6	2	2
Local Education Agencies (LEA)	12	11	10	3	2	2
Total	22	21	20	9	4	4



# Becoming High-Quality Grant Application Process

- **15 current BHQ grantees on contracts**
  - Current BHQ grantees have submitted SY24 budgets
- **Main Application**
  - Minimum threshold: 78/130 points
  - 15/23 of new BHQ applicants met the threshold



# School Readiness Budget Recommendations SY 24

Emma Moench, Jared Lisonbee, Chelsea Oaks, Cristina Barrera

- SY 24 Budget recommendation
  - Eligible student invoicing

Code: Subject to legislative appropriations, the board shall give first priority in awarding grants to a respondent that has previously received a grant under this [ESA] section if the respondent: (a) makes the annual report described in Subsection 7(b); (b) participates in the evaluation; and (c) continues to offer a high quality school readiness program as determined during an annual site visit by: the State Board of Education, for an eligible LEA; or the department, for an eligible private provider.



# SY 2024 Budget Recommendations

## Scenario 1

- Reduce ESA Cost per Seat by 13%
- Reduce Additional Costs
- Reduce BHQ Funding to \$28,000 per classroom
- 4 new ESA grantees, 4 new BHQ grantees
- 2,197 eligible student seats funded
- 76 BHQ classrooms funded

## Funding Breakdown

ESA New & Returning: \$9,921,226.44

BHQ Returning: \$1,428,000.00

New BHQ: \$644,000.00

Total Spent: \$11,993,226.44

Remaining Funds: \$6,773.56



# SY 2024 Budget Recommendations

## Scenario 2

- Reduce returning ESA Eligible Student Seats by 5% based on last year's number
- Reduce Additional Costs
- BHQ Funding at \$30,000 per classroom
- 1 additional ESA grantees
- 14 new BHQ grantees
- 1,800 eligible student seats funded
- 95 BHQ classrooms funded

## Funding Breakdown

ESA Returning: \$8,992,322.84

BHQ Returning: \$1,530,000

New BHQ: \$1,320,000

New ESA: \$ 138,447.04

Total Spent: \$11,980,769.88

Remaining Funds: \$19,230.12



# Budget Recommendation Scenario Summary

	<b>SY 2022-2023</b>	<b>Scenario 1 (SY24)</b> 13% decrease in the ESA Cost per Child & \$28,000 per BHQ classrooms	<b>Scenario 2 (SY24)</b> Reducing ESA Eligible Student Seats by 5% & \$30,000 per BHQ classroom
ESA Number of Eligible Seats	2,125	2,197	1,800
Number of ESA Programs	22	24	21
ESA Additional Costs	*\$1,558,734	\$29,492.00	\$169,815.30
Number of BHQ Programs	15	19	29
Number of BHQ Classrooms	51	74	95



\*This total includes additional costs and a 10% increase in Cost Per Seat amount, due to remaining funds available last year.

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# Eligible Student Invoicing

Emma Moench

Motion 22.05: Maintain current COVID-19 policy put into place during last school year and ensure that staff are getting letters accounting for low attendance rates if falling below the 80% threshold.



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# Becoming High-Quality Grant Cycle Limit

Jeremias Solari with Emma Moench



- Open Board and SR Team Discussion
- Motion
- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote



# Other Business

